Devotions on the Seven Words from the Cross.

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The Seven Words from the Cross.

The First Word.

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O my beloved Jesus who for the love of me didst suffer on the Cross that Thou mightest pay by Thy sufferings the debt due for my sins, and didst open Thy divine Mouth to obtain my pardon from eternal justice, have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on myself when I shall be in that extremity, and by the merits of Thy most precious Blood shed for our salvation, give us so lively a sorrow for our sins that we may breath out our souls into the bosom of Thine infinite mercy.

Our Father. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Have mercy on us.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

The Second Word.

"To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy holy CrossThou hast redeemed the world.

O my beloved Jesus, who for the love of me didst suffer on the Cross, and with love and bounty didst respond to the faith of the penitent thief who, in the midst of Thy humiliation acknowledged Thee to be the Son of God, O Thou who didst assure him of Paradise, have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the merits of Thy most precious Blood, revive in our spirits a faith so firm and constant, that it may not waver at any suggestion of the devil, so that we also may obtain the holy reward of Paradise.

Our Father. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Have mercy on us.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

The Third Word.

" Behold thy son ! behold thy mother."

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O my beloved Jesus, who for the love of me didst suffer on the Cross, and forgetting Thy sufferings, didst leave us as a pledge of Thy love Thine own most holy Mother, that through her we might confidently have recourse to Thee in our greatest need, have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when

I shall be in that extremity, and through the internal martyrdom of this Thy dear Mother, awaken in our hearts a firm hope in the infinite merits of Thy most precious Blood, that we may avoid the eternal damnation which our sins have merited.

Our Father. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Have mercy on us.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

The Fourth Word.

" My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me ?"

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O my beloved Jesus, who for the love of me didst suffer on the Cross and, heaping suffering on suffering, didst endure with infinite patience not only Thy many bodily tortures, but the most heavy affliction of spirit through abandonment of Thine eternal Father, have mercy on all the faithful who are in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity and, through the merits of Thy most precious Blood, give us grace to suffer with true patience all the pains and afflictions of our agony, that

uniting them with Thine, we may be partakers of Thy glory in Paradise.

Our Father. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Have mercy on us.

O my God I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

The Fifth Word

"I thirst."

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O my beloved Jesus, who didst suffer on the Cross for the love of me and, not satisfied with all the ignominy and suffering, wouldst willingly have suffered yet more, so that all men might be saved. This was proved when all the agonies of Thy Passion would not allay the Thirst of Thy tender Heart. Have pity on all the faithful who are in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and through the merits of Thy most precious Blood, enkindle such a fire of charity in our hearts as may cause us to languish with the desire of uniting ourselves to Thee for all eternity.

Our Father. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Have mercy on us.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

The Sixth Word.

"It is finished."

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O my beloved Jesus, who for the love of me didst suffer on the Cross, and from that throne of truth didst announce the completion of the work of our redemption, through which, from being the children of wrath and perdition, we are become the children of God and the heirs of Paradise, have pity on all the faithful who are in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and through the merits of Thy most precious Blood, detach us entirely from the world and from ourselves, and at the moment of our agony give us grace sincerely to offer Thee the sacrifice of our lives in expiation of our sins.

Our Father. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Have mercy on us.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

The Seventh Word

"*Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.*"

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O my beloved Jesus, who didst suffer on the Cross for the love of me, and who, in completing this great sacrifice, didst accept the will of Thy eternal Father by resigning Thy Spirit into His hands, and then bowing Thy Head and dying, have mercy on all the faithful who are in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and through the merits of Thy most precious Blood give us, in our agony, an entire surrender to the Divine Will, that we may be ready either to live or die according to Thy will, desiring nothing but the accomplishment of Thy blessed will in us.

Our Father. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Have mercy on us.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

O holy Jesu, whose Mother, at the foot of the Cross, was afflicted by the intense pains which Thou didst endure, we beseech Thee to hear her prayers for all of us, the children of Thy sorrows, and assist us in our last hours, that we may pass from death to Thy presence.

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